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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554Re: **Docket 11-65**, the AT&T acquisition of T-Mobile USA

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I support AT&T's proposed merger with T-Mobile USA, and I encourage you and your fellow Commissioners to approve it. As the Mayor of Sherwood, Arkansas, a growing city of almost 30,000 people, I am convinced mobile broadband access is the key to economic and cultural growth in the digital age.

A recent federal government study found that 35 percent of Arkansans have made the transition from wired to wireless-only. Couple that trend with the continuing need for rural broadband service, and it's clear that AT&T's plan for 4G LTE broadband is an excellent way to bring modern technology to virtually all Arkansans. In fact, the proposed merger would bring 4G LTE to more than 97 percent of Americans.

If the merger passes, Sherwood consumers and businesses will have a greater choice of services and devices that go beyond today's smartphones. We can expect competitive prices as well. As you know, from the years between 1999-2009, five major wireless mergers were completed. The Government Accountability Office reported that, during the same timeframe, the overall price of wireless service fell 50 percent when adjusted for inflation.

I know FCC Commissioners are studying this merger, and I encourage you to consider its many benefits for growing cities such as Sherwood, Arkansas. I support the AT&T acquisition of T-Mobile USA and urge you and the full Commission to support it as well.

Sincerely,

Virginia Hillman
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